

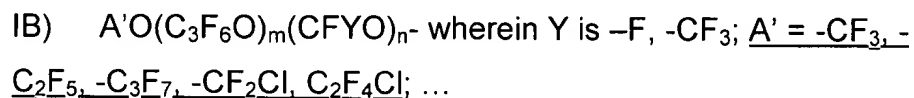
II. REMARKS

Claims 17-24 and 26-41 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 17-24, 26-36, 38, 40, and 41 are allowed. By this Amendment, claim 37 is amended. Support for the amendments is contained throughout the specification as filed and in the originally filed claims. For example, the amendments to claim 37 are supported by the paragraphs bridging pages 4-5, pages 7-8, and pages 9-10 of the present specification. No new matter is added.

Claims 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for asserted indefiniteness. This rejection is traversed.

As to claim 37 in particular, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome by the above amendments to claims 37, which were made in order to expedite prosecution.

With regards to claim 39 in particular, Applicants respectfully note that present claim 39 discloses the following:



(emphasis added). As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the meaning of "A'" is not indefinite, as it is sufficiently disclosed to those of skill in the art in present claim 39.


Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome by the above remarks and the above amendments to claim 37, which were made in order to expedite prosecution. Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 37 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 17-24 and 26-41, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited. If this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any additional fees that are required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-00009.

Respectfully submitted,
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